

REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 4, 8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Luboschik (DE 4315321 A1) in view of Laing (DE 3118947 A1). Claims 4, 8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Luboschik in view of Fernandopulle (U.S. Patent 4,230,531). Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Luboschik in view of Fernandopulle as applied to claim 10, and further in view Coulthard (U.S. Patent 3,981,803).

While not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejections, but merely to advance prosecution of the instant application, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2, 4, 8 and 10 have been cancelled, thus rendering these rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

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